

CSHCS ALERT #15-2015 - Eustacian Tube Dysfunction Medical Eligibility  
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Colleagues,

The medical consultants have clarified the severity determination for the diagnosis Eustacian Tube Dysfunction 381.81. That is the code typically assigned for a child/youth with pressure equalization (PE) tubes. Although in the past, the presence of pressure equalization tubes alone was justification for eligibility, today many children with PE tubes are stable and do not require active treatment by an Ear Nose Throat specialist.

The medical consultants are now using the following guidelines to determine eligibility for 381.81:

The ENT doctor has determined that PE tubes should be placed and surgery is planned for the near future.

PE tubes have been placed recently (ie within the last six months).

PE tubes are in place and the child/youth experiences complications requiring active treatment by an ENT specialist.

If you have questions, please contact your county Analyst.

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